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(BY POUCH) XMT BANJUL EC BRUSSELS CECD PARIS SUVA TAIPEI
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SUBJ: PROPOSED "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

1. SECRETARIAT OF WORLD METEROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO)
HAS INCLUDED "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF
SOUTH VIET-NAM (PRG)" ON ITS DECEMBER 23, 1974 POSTAL
BALLOT OF ENTITIES PROPOSED FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE
7TH WMO CONGRESS IF TWO-THIRDS OF WMO MEMBERSHIP APPROVES.
CONGRESS WILL BE HELD APRIL 28-MAY 23, 1975 IN
GENEVA, BUT DEADLINE FOR BALLOTING IS MARCH 23.

2. (FYI. REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND UNITED STATES FORMAL-
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LY PROTESTED SECRETARIAT'S ACTION, AND REQUESTED A

FOLLOW-UP NOTE DELETING "PRG" FROM MAIL BALLOT. WMO SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIES' REPLY JANUARY 14 TO U.S. DEMARCHE STATED IN ESSENCE THAT AMO SECRETARIAT MERELY PERFORMED STRICT PROCEDURAL ROLE IN PASSING ON NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS. SECRETARIAT, DAVIES ADDED, NOT RPT NOT COMPETENT TO DETERMINE WHAT CONSTITUTES A COUNTRY OR WHETHER ITS CLAIM OF POSSESSING A METEROLOGICAL SERVICE (WHICH PRG HAS MADE) IS VALID. THIS JUDGMENT CAN BE MADE ONLY BY MEMBER NATIONS IN THEIR RESPONSE TO MAIL BALLOT. END FYI.)

3. SINCE WMO SECRETARIAT HAS DECLINED TO DELETE "PRG" FROM BALLOT, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT, UNLESS OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS PERCEIVED, ACTION ADDRESSEES APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENTS VOTE AGAINST OBSERVER STATUS FOR "PRG", DRAWING ON FOLLOWING:

A. "PRG" IS NOT RPT NOT A GOVERNMENT, HAS NO RPT NO ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT, NO RPT NO CAPITAL, NO RPT NO BODY OF JURISPRUDENCE, NO DEFINED TERRITORY, AND THUS IS NOT A COUNTRY WITHIN MEANING OF WMO GENERAL REGULATION 18.

B. "PRG" TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE THAT IT POSSESSES A METEROLOGICAL SERVICE WITHIN MEANING OF WMO GENERAL REGULATION 18;

C. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, A MEMBER OF WMO, IS SOLE, LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, AND SMALL PORTION OF SOUTH VIET-NAM CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL OF "PRG" THROUGH MILITARY BACKING OF NORTH VIET-NAM CANNOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED TO BE A COUNTRY WITHIN MEANING OF WMO GENERAL REGULATION 18 OR OF WMO CONVENTION;

D. 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM HAS NOT RPT NOT ALTERED THIS SITUATION IN ANY WAY.

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E. TO GRANT PRG OBSERVER STATUS WOULD BE AN ENHANCEMENT OF ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE WHICH COULD ONLY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE HANOI TO CONTINUE TO SEEK A SOLUTION IN VIET-NAM BY MILITARY MEANS -- AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT STEPPED UP NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ATTACKS IN THE SOUTH -- RATHER THAN THROUGH THE FRAMEWORK PROVIDED BY THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT.

4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, YOU SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE TO
USG OF THIS MATTER AND URGE PROMPT NEGATIVE REPLY IN
BALLOTING ON "PRG". WHILE "PRG" UNLIKELY TO MUSTER
NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, WE HOPE STRONGLY THAT
CLEAR MAJORITY WILL VOTE AGAINST PRG OBSERVER STATUS.
SUCH A RESULT MIGHT HELP TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER ATTEMPTS
ON BEHALF OF "PRG" IN OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

5. MOST ACTION ADDRESSEES ALSO BEING ASKED BY
SEPARATE MESSAGE TO SEEK HOST GOVERNMENTS' SUPPORT IN
OPPOSING "PRG" ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA LAW OF WAR
CONFERENCE. THESE POSTS MAY WISH TO MAKE SIMULTANEOUS
APPROACHES ON THE TWO ISSUES.

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